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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed accompanying a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants respectfully petition and request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence such consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement, were first cited in counterpart related US applications. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after three months of the mailing date of the communication(s) in the documents were cited.

#### In particular:

- (a) References A4-A7 and C12-C13 were cited on Form PTO-892 attached to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2006 in Application No. 11/248,650 (Case No. 7098USC1).
- (b) Applicants' undersigned counsel became aware on May 25, 2007 on reviewing the subject file and related files 7098USP1 and 7098USC1 that the Office Action mailed February 27, 2006 in Application No. 11/248,650 (Case No. 7098USC1) was not listed on the PAIR database record for Application No. 11/248,650 (Case No. 7098USC1). Thus, a copy of this Office Action and its accompanying Form PTO-892 are filed herewith to become of record and part of the official file of the subject

application, and likewise will be or have been already timely filed and made of record in the related files 7098USP1 and 7098USC1.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account any additional fees (or credit any over payments) that may be required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 in association with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered.

Respectfully submitted, Friese, et al.

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